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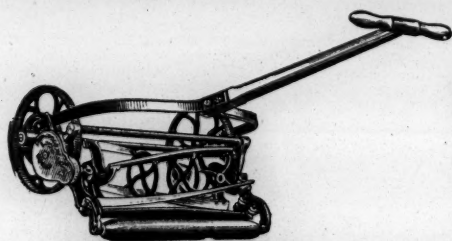
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SPECIAL Days in Club Calendars are becoming more frequent each year. Civil Service Reform Day was so generally observed in the Clubs in January that those who are looking forward to a more uniform system of work among the Clubs throughout the United States are most encouraged. It has been the custom of the South Carolina Reciprocity Department for the past three years to ask that the Clubs of that Federation celebrate a Reciprocity Day in the month of February. At this time Club life is at its high water mark and Club aspirations and ideals have a strong hold upon the individual members. If a Club membership is ever going to be alive and interested in its Club it will be so in this month; for this reason the keynote of the Club world, Reciprocity, should be struck in February. It is hoped that the benefits of the celebration of Reciprocity Day among the Clubs of South Carolina during the coming month will be felt throughout the entire calendar year.

THAT College-bred women are ever anxious to share opportunities for the higher education with other women is evinced by the numerous fellowships offered by the various Alumnae Associations each year. This year the Associate Alumnae of Vassar College offer a fellowship of \$500 available for study either in Europe or America. It will not be awarded by competitive examinations, but upon proof of ability and promise of success in the chosen line of work. Applications for 1906-07 must be in the hands of the Committee on Award by March 31st, and must be accompanied by testimonials of ability, character and health; a statement of the work proposed and examples of literary or scientific work accomplished. Applications may be sent to any one of the Committee: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Howe, 183 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Mary W. Whitney, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass. The Baltimore Association for the promotion of University Education of Women also offers a fellowship of \$500 for 1906-7. This fellowship is generally awarded to candidates who have done one or two years graduate work. It may be held two years by the successful candidate and preference is given to women from Maryland and the South. Blank forms of application may be obtained from Miss McLane, 1101 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., and all applications must be in the hands of Dr. Mary Sherwood, The Arundel, Baltimore, Md., Chairman of the Committee on Award, before April 7th, 1906. *The Keystone* makes note of these Scholarships in hopes that many Southern women may be among the competitors and some one prove to be the fortunate applicant.

WOMEN students seem to be holding their own at some of our co-educational institutions. Stanford University has just dropped 62 students because their work was not up to the standard—61 men and 1 woman. The women students at Stanford number nearly one third the entire student body. Such statistics should encourage parents and guardians who are anxiously trying to decide the question whether or not their girls can take the same collegiate training that is given their boys.

THE *Keystone* a short while ago received the following request from a distressed chairman of an important committee.

"Please write an editorial on the absolute necessity of answering communications promptly; so many put off until too late."

Right gladly will we speak on this subject. Volumes have been thought on it if not written about it. How much work is held like Mahomet's coffin, suspended in mid-air because some procrastinating member of a committee or board of officers does not "answer communications promptly." After studying the lives and characters of those who are universally punctual and on time with their work it seems to us that such characteristics are not only the results of capability and power to accomplish the work on hand, but behind all that, lie the propelling forces of good breeding and unselfish consideration of others. Delays and failure to respond to an inquiry or request politely put are marks of untrained social faculties. The social life in its best development teaches one the value of attention to every little detail and in one's organization life much more depends upon a ready reply and a quickly courteous response.

Promptness in the social and the business world oils the machinery of both and is one of the principle factors in the success of both. Besides putting off a duty or a responsibility does not really lessen it; in fact it weighs heavier each time it is postponed. If we will look over the burdensome days in the past we will find that often it was the fact that we thought about that duty to be done, that letter to be written which made us seem so busy, when really if we had tackled the task at once it would have soon been over and out of the horizon bounding our troubled minds.

It has been said that punctuality is the politeness of princes and truly it is a royal attribute of character. Who of us can afford to be without it if we would live fairly with our fellow man.

A STATUE of John C. Calhoun in the National Statuary Hall at Washington is at present the absorbing endeavor of the King's Mountain Chapter D. A. R. of Yorkville, S. C. This Chapter is petitioning the South Carolina Legislature for \$25,000 for this purpose and is asking the co-operation of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Club Women and other organized bodies of women in South Carolina in urging their representatives to consider this petition favorable. The Chapter has a strong committee in charge of this work and its efforts are receiving the earnest consideration of all thoughtful citizens. A desire for historic commemoration of past services and State pride should make all South Carolina ready and willing to render to John C. Calhoun all honor and recognition in the nation's historical annals.

ENCLOSED PLEASE find subscription for *The Keystone* from Jan., 1906. * * * Surely we can have literary periodicals of our own; I have been in some Southern homes in which there was not a single Southern vehicle of thought. It is an amazing condition of things; and that Southern writers go North to have their books published is another curious thing, and the fact seems to have some influence on the tone of some of them. The distinctive power and charm of a people is its individuality: to barter it is to lose all. This is a special point of interest to me in *The Keystone*, which I hope will always retain it.

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THE LIBRARY GIVEN to the Federation by the Twentieth Century Club of Kosciusko will be ready for circulation when a carpenter can be found to make the case.

MRS. EGBERT JONES, President of the Thursday Club of Holly Springs, is interested in traveling libraries. She has recently made a house to house canvas of the Club to gather books together and will, in a short time, send them to Mrs. C. L. Anderson of Kosciusko.

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IF EACH CLUB WOMAN will send Mrs. Anderson 10 cts. without delay it will be a great help in starting traveling library work. Then if each club will make plans for a Book Reception or appoint a committee to visit homes of the members and other friends on a certain day there would not be so much delay in collecting the libraries.

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MRS. EGBERT JONES, President of the Thursday Club of Holly Springs, is interested in traveling libraries. She has recently made a house to house canvas of the Club to gather books together and will, in a short time, send them to Mrs. C. L. Anderson of Kosciusko.

MRS. W. J. NELSON has sent Mrs. Anderson ten books given to the traveling library by the Goodman Club.

THE TWENTY-THIRD convention of the W. C. T. U. was held in November at McComb.

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Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret L. Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. Hill Parham, Henderson, N. C.
30 Clubs—850 Members.

WE welcome this month two new Clubs into the Federation, viz.: The New Century Club, Monroe, Mrs. E. M. Griffin, Prest., and the Woman's Club, Kinston, Miss Mae Oettinger, Sec., 41 members, six Departments.

Mrs. S. Weil, Chairman of Library Extension, has called her committee to meet at Goldsboro January 24.

Mrs. Alderman will meet with them.

The N. C. Clubs might as well be collecting books, for this committee are planning large things and have the energy and ability to execute whatever they plan. Some of the Clubs have already responded to Mrs. Weil's call for a library from each Club to be sent to her and placed where it will do the most good.

WHILE THIS CHAIRMAN, as well as others, is happy in being able to see the work prosper in her hands, some are hindered by illness and bereavement. Our sympathies go out to them and we hope that their pain and sorrow may be healed in His own good time.

ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE and attractive year books that has come to our table is that of the Charlotte Woman's Club.

The Literature section, Mrs. Hugh Murrill, President, is studying the history and literature of Norway and Sweden. The meetings are well attended, and all the members take part. Their three travelling libraries are located in the mill district. Sometimes on visiting these it is found that every book is out.

The Music section was noticed last month.

The Domestic Science, Mrs. C. W. Jones, Chairman, is one of the most popular sections of the Club. This department meets at the homes. Lectures and practical demonstrations are given.

The Civic Improvement, under the leadership of Mrs. I. M. Faison, is arranging for Arbor Day in February, which they intend to make a great occasion.

This very-much-alive Club holds its general meetings in the Carnegie Library. One of their members, Mrs. Chas. W. Tillett, has been made a member of the State Federation Art Committee.

A MOST AMUSING recent hit at Club Women is a picture of a lean, blue stocking kind of woman clad in college cap and gown frantically endeavoring to shoo away the stork by waving both her skirts and her book at him. This cap by no means fits the N. C. Club woman. It is characteristic of many of them that the bird is a frequent and welcome visitor; indeed, he threatens to put one Club out of business.

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President—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Palatka.
Recording Secretary—Miss Kathryn Thorp, Daytona.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss May J. Crosby, San Mateo.
(21 Clubs—800 Members.)

GREETINGS and best wishes for a Happy New Year to all Florida Club Women! May the year upon which we are just entering be the busiest, the best, in our history. The busiest, because by doing we learn to do, and not only grow stronger ourselves but help to strengthen the hands of those near to us, and to fill their minds with deeper thoughts that must inevitably result in better living, —better lives.

We regret to announce the loss of two of our State Chairmen, occasioned by sickness and by absence from the State. The resignations of Mrs. J. H. Reese and Mrs. J. C. Beekman have been accepted, and good fortune has enabled us to fill most satisfactorily the places made vacant by these resignations.

Mrs. J. S. Frederick of Miami has accepted the Chairmanship of the Reciprocity Bureau and she will also act as Correspondent to *The Keystone*. All of our clubs are urged to send monthly reports of their work to Mrs. Frederick not later than the fifth of each month.

Mrs. Thomas M. Shackleford, president of the Woman's Club of Tallahassee, will preside over the State Department of Forestry, and we are confident that our Federation will greet her most cordially and will gladly co-operate with her in making her new field of effort a vital one to all our clubs.

Advices from all our Directors have been practically unanimous in selecting the month of April for our next Annual Meeting. We urge all clubs to give attention to our State Departments during the three months yet left us, and may we come to our Annual Meeting prepared to give reports of the best work ever done by our various clubs.

Fraternally yours,

MRS. RICHARD F. ADAMS, Prest. Fla. Federation.

EDITOR OF THE KEYSTONE: I would be pleased to avail myself of "*The Keystone*" as a medium to reach the Clubs of Florida. I would be greatly obliged to the ladies if they respond to my request to devote one of their Club days to consider one of the different subjects I sent them, or any other pleasing them better, on Domestic Economics, and kindly send me a synopsis of the subject, so I can incorporate it in my paper to be read at the Federation of Clubs. I would like the articles sent in by the last of February.

Hoping for a hearty support from the Clubs of Florida,

I am cordially yours,

(Mrs.) G. H. MANLOVE.

Cocoanut Grove, Fla.

THE L. A. C. of Miami are beginning the new year with a warm interest in the Kindergarten. Mrs. R. E. Hale, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, met the Executive Board just before the "Teachers Association" convened in Miami and explained to them about the Kindergarten Bill, stating he was making a very earnest effort to get this invaluable feature introduced in the Miami schools as it already had been in Palm Beach. He said that Miss Gould, who is Principal of the Palm Beach School, and one of the best equipped Kindergartens in the country, would

be in Miami during the meeting of the "Teachers Association and he would be glad to have the ladies meet her.

The members of the Board responded enthusiastically and decided to hold a mass meeting of the ladies of the town and have Miss Gould address them.

This was accomplished Dec. 29th, when the audience was charmed by a most fluent and graceful address from Miss Gould.

At the close of the address an informal reception gave opportunity for those present to meet Miss Gould and ask more intimate questions. It is hoped this may result in a large and successful Kindergarten in the near future.

"Reciprocity Day" was observed by this Club on Jan. 1st, when the Housekeepers Club of Cocoanut Grove was invited to exchange experiences and furnish part of the program. Although the weather was most inclement quite a large number attended, enjoying the program and dainty refreshments, and as roses were handed the departing guests hearty wishes for a Happy New Year were exchanged.

THE FOLLOWING notice is from the Tampa paper. The awards for the best essays in the contest of the various clubs throughout the State have been made, and Mrs. Annie McRae, of St. Petersburg, Town Improvement Association; Mrs. A. L. Humphreys, of Live Oak's Current Event Club; Mrs. E. N. Holt, Green Cove Springs V. I. A. (the oldest Club in the State, and which age has only delightfully mellowed); Miss Mabel C. Basset and Mrs. A. L. Wilhaid of the Woman's Fortnightly Club of Palatka, are the proud winners of gold medals—stamping them as the best writers of essays among the Women of Florida.

The Reciprocity Bureau of the State has applied for these essays and hopes soon to have them for the benefit of all members of the Federation.

THE SUBJECT OF JUVENILE Reformation is engaging the attention of the members of the Housekeepers Club of Cocoanut Grove, and we are anxious to become thoroughly familiar with the progressive steps that other States have taken—notably Colorado, under Judge Lindsey's lead.

We have just had an excellent paper from Mrs. Manlove on "Household Economics." "Tropical Resources" is our next topic, and on the last meeting in January we are to hear about Civil Service Reform and discuss how we can aid in furthering this cause, so that it may become a practical question for each and every housekeeper.

It is a pleasure to send these few notes because we feel that by keeping in touch with other Clubs a keener and wider outlook is gained and we are mutually strengthened to keep on working. Very truly,

MRS. JOHN GIFFORD, Cor. Sec.

SELDOM DOES a happier company assemble than were welcomed at the Home of the V. I. A. in Green Cove Springs on Thursday afternoon, when the ladies gave their regular Xmas Reception. A short but very interesting program had been arranged. The President, Mrs. Munsell, gave a few words of welcome to the guests and Mrs. Brown favored them with one of her bright selections on the piano.

Mrs. Holt read "Christmas Eve in Bethlehem," which was followed by a Xmas carol, and Miss Coyne of Rivercroft delighted her hearers with three beautiful songs, after which Mrs. Holt presented to Mrs. Munsell, who has been in the chair *eight years*, a cut glass set consisting of pitcher, six glasses and a table mirror. Mrs. Munsell was overcome with surprise, but responded with her usual feeling and grace.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.
Cor. Sec.—Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting St., Charleston, S.C.
(Up-to-date notes.)

THE Board of Directors of the General Federation will meet in Chicago, Illinois, February 15th-18th, at the Victoria Hotel.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER, WHICH will explain itself, has been sent by the Art Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to very many prominent American Artists and has met with a most cordial response.

DEAR SIR:

The Art Committee of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs are gathering together a Travelling Gallery of Paintings, to be sent free to any Club in the United States who may wish to hang the pictures as an exhibition to be opened free to the residents of their town; we are not able, at present, to manage a collection of framed pictures, and therefore ask you to have the Paintings matted, without glass, in gold (or gilt) mats, this is very suitable for Water Colors, and even Oils, if not too large, look well framed this way.

The Committee are asking only our best known Artists to contribute to this Travelling Gallery, feeling sure it will be a very great means of education to the people of interior towns, who are far from Art Centers. The pictures will be insured, and if purchasers present themselves, and the Artists desire, will be sold without commission. At the end of the Club year, they will be hung by the Art Committee in a well-lighted room in the Capitol at St. Paul, during the session of the Biennial Meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs; the meeting begins the 31st of May, 1906.

Immediately after that meeting all unsold pictures will be returned to the Artists. The Committee will pay expressage both ways.

We ask that you will kindly loan one or two Paintings for this Gallery. Enclosed please find return envelope.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am, faithfully yours,

JEAN SHERWOOD, Chairman.

Through the generous courtesy of our artist there has been loaned to the Art Committee a collection of about eighty water colors, oils and etchings for exhibition. These have been insured by the Committee. They are securely boxed and are ready to go out. Any club may have this fine collection of original paintings for one week, the only expense to the Club being the payment of express charges from the last place of exhibition. Address the Chairman,

MRS. JOHN B. SHERWOOD,
530 Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

RECIPROCITY BUREAU.

(The Reciprocity Bureau acknowledges the receipt of the following Year Books and programmes, any of which will be sent to Clubs on application, when accompanied by postage for mailing the same.)

Year Book.—North Carolina Sorosis, Wilmington, N. C., 1905-1906.

Miscellaneous Program, Stressing French History.—The Wednesday Afternoon Literary Club, Danville, Va., 1905-1906.

Enclosed please find seventy-five cents (.75) for which please send me *The Keystone* and *The Massachusetts Federation Bulletin* for another year. I enjoy both of these publications, and should hate to miss getting a copy of them.

MRS. RICHARD F. ADAMS,
President Florida F. W. C.

Palatka, Fla., Jan. 23rd, 1906.

"OUR Little French Cousin." by Blanche McManus, is a fascinating story about a little girl living in Normandy, near Rouen. The author gives us the real atmosphere of this part of France and tells her story in a way that will appeal to all children. She gives a clear idea of the customs and habits of the peasant people in and around Rouen, and the picture of the people on their way to and from market is true to life. Any one who has been in Normandy will read this little book with real pleasure, and those who have not had the experience of a personal visit will get a real taste of French life by reading these 116 pages.

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Southern Life in American Fiction.

AT first sight this theme might seem a simple one, but on reflection one sees that it would require a comprehensive course of reading to do justice to such a broad and varied subject. I shall only attempt to direct the attention of the reader to what I feel to be an intensely interesting subject, and to induce them individually to pursue their studies in this direction much more exhaustively than has been accomplished by your humble servant.

What then is Southern life, in what respects does it differ from other American life, and how has it been treated by writers of fiction? These points, I take it, are to be the salient features of our inquiry.

In this broad land of ours many and varied are the conditions of life, and equally varied are the types of humanity growing out of, or conforming to those conditions.

In the severe climate and rocky soil of New England, has been nurtured a sturdy, strait-laced, rugged, partially Puritanical race. Driven to those inhospitable shores by persecution, they proved their capacity for high ideals by the suffering they were willing to endure for their convictions, and their descendants have accomplished a marvelous work. They have conquered the wilderness, promoted manufactures and the arts, and have reached a high state of education and enlightenment.

The Middle Atlantic States have produced yet another type. Descended in part from the sturdy Dutchman and the peaceful Quaker, they are less permeated perhaps with ideals than their brethren of New England. Commerce is their watchword, and a thriving populous prosperity they have achieved, with its necessary tendency to money-worship now evidenced so strongly in their plutocratic system.

In the West the case is different again. To the pioneers crossing this continent what a glorious destiny has been vouchsafed! A continent opened to them to subdue with all the forces of modern civilization at their command. Truly an opportunity unequalled before in the history of the world! And valiantly has the task been performed and well, and exceeding great is their reward. Vast as is the section of which I am speaking, and great as were the original differences of the settlers certain characteristics are dominant in Westerners. A tireless energy, a fearless independence, a courageous self-reliance are traits almost universal. Coupled with these is a spirit of optimism easily understood in a people who have been so victorious over man and nature. They are not gay, for they are too busy, but they are bright, cheerful, and alert, and to the Westerner it may be truly said there is no such word as fail. They are crude, however, and have yet much to learn of the graces and refinements of life.

Of our own dear Southland it is now my privilege to speak, tho' it is difficult to dissect our own, our native land, and seems almost like one who would peep and botanize upon his mother's grave. Faults and failings she must have, and on these we must look with clear, impartial eyes.

The South was settled to a great extent, broadly speaking, by English cavaliers, and French Huguenots, also Scotch and Irish, good stock all of it, which has been amalgamated into a true American type. The German element is considerable also in the South, but came at a later date. It is dangerous to generalize, and from the broad borders of our land, the colonels of Kentucky, the mountaineers of the Alleghenies, the planters of South Carolina and the Creoles of Louisiana it is difficult to select a type; but do we not

immediately form a conception when the word Southerner is pronounced? Certain characteristics must predominate, therefore, to produce that impression. From a Southern man we instinctively expect a high sense of honor, unflinching courage, resolute fortitude, unfailing courtesy, and absolute independence of thought and action. A perfect Southern gentleman, is there anything to beat him on God's green earth! All these qualities are met with through all the gradations of society, being frequently coupled with a rough exterior. From a Southern woman we expect absolute purity, or strong sense of duty, unswerving rectitude, tender devotion in all the domestic relations, together with intense patriotism, and unselfish fortitude in adversity. To these high ideals, alas! all do not attain, and there are perhaps, failings equally characteristic. In the famous caricature of Hopkinson Smith's Colonel Carter of Cartersville, a ludicrous picture of incapacity, selfishness, and pomposity is presented which, amidst laughter and resentment, we must confess does bear some distant resemblance to persons we have known. But it is not a pleasant picture. Some acrimony seems to tinge the pen that draws the portrait, and a hostile temper cannot reach understanding. Far otherwise are the caricatures of that blessed humorist, Mark Twain, of a certain type of Southern character. Who that has ever read his "Journalism in Tennessee" can forget the picture of the little backwoods office, the determined editor busily engaged in writing "hot stuff" for his paper, the *Daily War-Whoop* or something of that kind, ever and anon interrupted by missiles fired into the room by irate citizens, his fierce and bloody duel with the incensed colonel, their polite and ceremonious conversation punctuated by shots. The colonel is mortally wounded, and courteously enquires the way to the undertaker's, and leaves the editor to pursue his morning work, only further interrupted by a horse-whipping and a free fight. This is caricature but from a generous pen. It is overdrawn, but there is much that is true in it, as witness the violent deaths of two editors in our own State within the last few years. The tendency to personal violence comes from a too quick temper, and intemperate language is perhaps the outcome of a high sense of personal honor and a too pronounced individualism. In the Northern writers there is a persistent type of Southern female, I will not call her a woman, which we have all read of time and again, tho' I cannot call to mind a notable example. Perhaps Marie St. Clare in Uncle Tom's Cabin and Mrs. Carter will do as well as another. This female is lazy, shiftless, selfish, indolent and complaining, absolutely lacking in energy and self-reliance, caring for nothing in the world but her own ease and comfort. Oh, my sisters, is there any truth in this portrait? If so, let us draw good out of evil by stamping out the seeds of these qualities while there is yet time.

Of the Southern writers of fiction, Gilmore Simms is easily first, in point of time at any rate. In many historical novels he has performed an invaluable service to his country preserving the records of those early days of pioneer settlement and Indian warfare, the Revolution, and early Colonial period. Belonging more to the romantic than realistic school he has produced not so much studies of character, as tales of events, but in the background of those pictures we get a clear view of the conditions and customs of the times. Treating of early periods, tho' herself a recent writer, the name of Mary Johnston instantly suggests itself. In her thrilling tales of adventure, *To Have and to Hold*, and *Prisoners of Hope*, a most vivid picture of colo-

nial days in Virginia is laid before us. Elegant cavaliers, dashing swash-bucklers, adventurers, pirates, convicts, and exquisite ladies of ye olden time return to life. The Indian portraiture and adventurers are most graphic; Miss Johnston is accused of exaggeration, but surely to her who has accomplished so much, something may be forgiven. Audrey and Sir Mortimer are unequal to the earlier volumes but the same charm of style pervades them.

The presence of the negro in the South, the institution of slavery, the great War between the States, Reconstruction with its miseries, the later relations of the races, and present conditions in the South where the old order has changed, offer a fertile field for fiction, and the laborers in that field are legion. Time would fail me to enumerate all of them, I must only cull flowers or thorns as the case may be in passing from the most remarkable. So then a few words anent, that wonderful work, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Received with frantic acclaim throughout the world, translated into numberless languages, hated with a deadly hatred in the South, wept over, kissed at, quarrelled over, fought over, what is the secret of its undoubted power? Does it present a true picture of the South, and of slavery? On reading the book carefully it does not seem to me to be intentionally unfair. It is crudely written and lacks artistic finish; it has not much plot and is not a novel or romance in its construction, which is very faulty; it is, however, of absorbing interest. As I say it is not a novel or romance in the ordinary sense of the word, it is a treatise on, and protest against slavery, and there is not a page, scarcely a paragraph which does not bear on that subject. It is special pleading, but Mrs. Stowe is a graphic writer. The characters stand before us in clear-cut outline; little Eva, Uncle Tom, Mrs. Shelby, Eliza, Miss Ohelia and Marie St. Clare and the vile Legue all live and move and have their being. One could not wish a better exponent of a Southern woman than Mrs. Shelby, little Eva is painfully angelic, St. Clare is altogether charming, and the villian Legue, mark you, is from Vermont. The fallacy of the book lies it seems to me in the misapprehension of the negro character. Are these negroes that Mrs. Stowe depicts? Say rather saints and heroes imprisoned by that nimble enchantress nature in a black skin with thick skull, woolly hair, and protruding jaws. Hence this determined character, heroic fortitude, unflagging industry, passionate love of offspring, high moral principles and spotless religion. Are these negro traits? They are certainly not found in the native African of to-day, cheerfully engaged in plastering his skull with mud fetich-worshipping, fighting for wives, and making a meal of them when times are hard. Neither are they true of the Afro-American of to-day, still dirty, still stupid, still relapsing in to voodooism, still lazy and shiftless. Mrs. Stowe you prove too much. If your negroes are true to life then slavery evolved this noble creature from the howling savage, transformed him alas, only to relapse into his original state, when that institution was no more. Somewhat different is Judge Tourgee's treatment of this subject. The Fool's Errand treats of the South in Reconstruction days. The errand, as well as I can discern, was to promote racial equality, and convert the South into another North, an effort foredoomed to failure, which knowledge killed the poor noble-hearted fool when he discovered it. It is interesting to compare this picture of reconstruction with that in the Leopard's Spots by Thomas Dixon, Jr., a North Carolinian. There has been considerable discussion of this book, some pronouncing it "horrid" or disgusting, others declaring

it is the vindication of the long silent South. To me it is intensely interesting, treating of vital but painful subjects. But we are surrounded with this negro question, and why not speak out, and let the world know of the horrors which the black race inflicts on the whites. Dixon has a good many of Mrs. Stowe's qualities as a writer. Crude, lacking culture, partisan in his bias, graphic in his descriptions of scenes and characters, firm in his convictions, his book has been well termed the answer to Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, has given us many inimitable short stories of Southern life and manners, and one epic of Reconstruction times, Red Rock. Joel Chandler Harris has also given us excellent folk stories of negroes and Tennessee mountaineers. Charles Egbert Craddock treats also of this class in some excellent stories.

Grace King writes charmingly of Creole life before and since the war, with much humor and local color. Cable's scenes are also laid in Louisiana; he is satirical at times, and seems to object to drawing the color line.

One of the best pictures of Southern life will be found in Order No. 11 by Caroline Stanley. The scene is laid in Missouri before, during and after the War between the States. It is written with great spirit and fairness. The Crisis, by Winston Churchill, scene and time of former book, had a great vogue, but struck me as tiresome.

Ellen Glasgow has made a decided name for herself. In the Voice of the People she draws an excellent picture of life in rural Virginia. But I must hasten to a close leaving numbers of excellent authors unnoticed only pausing to note two writers who have recently made themselves heard in our midst. The Elder Brother by our gifted fellow townsman, Mr. Theodore D. Jervy, treats of Charleston in the Reconstruction period, and in the Carolinans our equally gifted fellow townswoman, Miss Annie Sloan, has presented a charming romance of our dear old State in the Colonial period.

God speed to all the writers conscientiously working for the mutual enlightenment of all good Americans. Our country is so large that few can travel over it. Our great hope for understanding the people of various sections must be therefore in the wielding of the pen, let us hope never again by the drawing of the sword.

VIRGINIA R. HUGHES,

Charleston, S. C.

THE Crisis of the Confederacy," a history of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, by Cecil Battine, Captain 15th the King's Hussars of England, is an interesting and valuable addition to foreign contributions on American history. Especially is it valuable as it comes from the pen of an experienced military man who writes in an objective way, seeing the armies of the North and of the South from an outside point of view, and also from an international standpoint. The author has made a study of the military campaigns and leaders of Europe and in this present volume he draws comparisons between the training, the resources, and the action of the men in the South, those in the North and those in various countries in Europe. He recognizes the superior power of the leaders in the Southern army, and the fact that the Confederate army was overpowered by numbers. This book has 420 pages, a good index and six valuable maps which the author claims are necessary to understand his pages. He gives the most detailed description of these two battles which he considers the *Crisis of the Confederacy*, showing the incidents which led up to each, the character of the battlefields, the plans of the leaders, the results of each and the possibilities which might have resulted. The book will take its place among the military histories of the world and all students of this period of American history should study its pages. The frontis piece is an interesting group of Confederate flags in colors.

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A Day at Oberammergau.

DEAR E.—

MUNICH, Sept. 4th, 1905.

I promised you to write from Munich and now that the time is here and I am really breathing the air of this Mecca of our dreams I dread putting half my thoughts on paper. Last week I got a glimpse of the snow-clad Alps from a window in the Maximilianeum, and when you realize that those mountains are twenty-five miles away you can then imagine how clear the atmosphere must have been. However, it can rain in Munich, too, as we found to our sorrow. We had planned while here to go out to Oberammergau and see the Kreuzeschule (School of the Cross), and as the performances occur only on Sunday and there are to be only eighteen this year, we were anxious not to miss our chance. The first Sunday we were in Munich, Aug. 27th, a steady rain decided us to rest and not try the trip into the mountains, but early Monday morning we secured our tickets for the performance of Sept. 3rd, and railway tickets for the "Kreuzspielsug," which runs specially the days of these performances; then we prayed for clear weather and went to bed Saturday night hearing the rain beating on our window panes. Sunday we were up early, searching in vain for a ray of clear sky, but alas, no bow of promise was there for us, so we had to decide to leave M—— at home and we three set out after an early breakfast on the 7.40 a. m. train for Oberammergau. As our train puffed slowly up the mountain side passing beautiful lake Starnberg, made memorable by the tragic death of Ludwig, the mists swept and eddied in every direction and the mountains loomed up blue and purple all around us. Here and there as we penetrated farther and farther into those mountain fastnesses the sun would struggle out and give us an occasional ray of hope and finally at 10.35 we pulled into the quaint little village now known throughout the Christian world on account of the religious dramatic efforts of its people. K—— who was the German linguist of the party felt her responsibility keenly and was ever on the alert, but as we passed the engine going into the bare little station a big cinder popped into her eye, of all the anxious six eyes in our party, and paralyzed all our tongues for any language but English. We tried all known cures for a cinder for about ten agonizing moments while we watched all the available vehicles being seized by our fellow tourists. Finally by one big blow of her nose out came the cinder and the gift of language once more returned to our party. We picked out a queer little covered vehicle with two wheels and a dash-board which let down into a sort of seat for the driver, letting his legs hang down by the shafts, and we three girls packed ourselves in and drove off to the play house, where we secured our seats for the performance; for what we had bought in Munich were only reservations for seats; they had to be verified by the local ticket seller, who tore off from a pad your seat as the applicant came for it. There were separate booths for each of the four classes of seats, which ranged in price from 5 marks to one mark. Having secured a local habitation, we now told our driver to drive us out to the little village of Ettal, where a Benedictine Monastery and a wonderfully beautiful little church lie hidden among these great, rugged mountains. The Ivory Madonna with her diamond crown in this church, and its relics of saints and martyrs, are much talked about in Bavaria, while the mural decorations in the church are exquisite. It was a revelation to us to see so much beauty hidden away in the heart of the mountains among these

plain peasant folk, but the guide explained to us that this monastery and church were still the property of Count P——, and that the monastic order rented it all from his estate.

Groups of tourists from all over the world were passing in and out of the little church while we were there; for they, like ourselves, were using up the morning hours before the play began. The peasants of Oberammergau have put the hour of the performance of their play at 1.30 p. m. so that church and dinner may be attended to before the play begins. We committed our fate for dinner into the hands of our driver, who proved to be a most acceptable guide; true, he did indulge in a sandwich and a stein of beer at Ettal while we were in the church, which refreshment necessitated a cigar on the return journey, and as he sat literally at our feet in our little droschke, the smoke was continually rising up into our nostrils. However, he had our welfare at heart and set us down at the Wittlebach Hof, where we had a good dinner and met several American tourists who were also braving the elements for the wonderful inspiration of the religious fervor of the Bavarian peasant. We all waited to hear the gun fire, which reminded the village that the play was about to begin, and then trooped off to the play house, which is a large shed with 4,000 folding and numbered seats. These seats are under cover but the stage is all out of doors and accommodates 500 performers. The scenery was almost nothing, being merely the front of a temple and some gateways, but the rugged blue mountains in the distance were so blended into the whole that one did not wish for more. The orchestra of forty pieces, harps and violins only, were seated at the side instead of in front of the stage, and was conducted by a priest. The musical score also having been arranged by a priest. The play is the dramatization of the life of King David, while parallel episodes of the life of Christ are interwoven as living pictures at the end of each act. This play used to be given long ago by these peasants, and was alternated with the Passion Play. This play being given every ten years first as the Passion Play is given, only in the half intervals between the Passion Play; making the villagers give one play every five years. This custom, however, had fallen into disuse and the "School of the Cross" has not been given since 1875 until this year, so naturally it has attracted considerable attention and comment. The performance was a wonderful one, no paint, no wigs, no artificial light, costumes of the loveliest pastel tints and of such fine texture as to bear the light of day. Three men took the characters of David; a youth who could sing to the accompaniment of a harp, a middle aged man and then an old man. The peasants looked and acted their parts with dignity and appreciation. The old men were especially effective, strong and noble in their portrayal of the Biblical characters. There was nothing to excite ridicule or cynical criticism; even the personation of Goliath was without caricature. The entire performance breathed earnestness and sincerity of purpose.

The posing in the living pictures was perfect. Artistic attention had been given to every detail and the Christus of the Passion Play took this part in the living pictures. The Temptation, The Last Supper and The Crucifixion, were all posed after celebrated pictures on those subjects. These pictures gave one a most peculiar and unreal sensation. It was difficult to remember that these were real people, and when the clouds would sweep down over the mountains in the back-ground and the wind would blow the dra-

peries or the hair of the actors, then only would we be brought to the realization that the normal world was still about us. There was no intermission in the play or the music. The chorus of twenty men and twenty women came and went (under leadership of a majestic old man who made you think of Moses), telling each time of the coming events and drawing a religious moral at the close of each act. The music wailed and sighed, and the mist swept into the amphitheatre and chilled us to the bone, but no one moved or spoke from one thirty to five o'clock. We sat spell-bound, held by an influence which we could not explain, but for the time being we were no longer inhabitants of the busy whirl of the practical activities of the Twentieth Century. No change of weather seemed to move the attention of the players, they were living their parts. In the Triumphant Entry of David into Jerusalem the crowd that met him was a natural surging crowd, and there were five hundred performers on the stage at one time waving palms, singing and greeting him with Oriental acclaim. We were impressed by the children in the crowd—they ran about and got lost; tiny little tots, just as our own little ones would do in a pageant on the streets of any great city to-day. Lange, who takes the part of Christ, is a potter and has the most spiritual of faces. The management of these two plays is in the hands of a committee of the peasants of Oberammaugua. They select the persons for the different characters, make arrangements for the costumes and every other business arrangement, even to acting as ushers at the play. The funds are all in their hands and after paying all expenses, they apportion out the money among the players, giving to each in proportion to the work he has done. Much publicity does not seem to spoil them, they are neither forward or shy, but meet the tourist in a dignified, stright forward way, are willing to talk to them, to receive them into their houses and many of them have beautiful specimens of wood carving for sale. When we came out of the "Spiel" house we all seemed dazed, the people spoke in whispers, gathered in little groups and hurried down to the trains, which stood ready to carry this immense crowd back to Munich. There was more than a Sunday spirit in the crowd, for they had been brought face to face with primeval characters, elements in human nature that are present in men of to-day as well, and above it all there had hovered the wonderful story of the Redemption.

As we settled ourselves in our railway compartment we could only look at one another and draw deep sighs, then gaze out on the mountains around us and realize the puny strength and the transitoriness of man's life, and yet we felt that there was that wonderful something which above all made man greater than all about him.

As we steamed back in the darkness towards Munich the wind howled and the rain pattered on the glasses, the lamp in the railway carriage flickered and blinked while we drew our wraps closer about us and communed with our souls. We had gone through a mental experience which we could never forget, and the attitude of those peasant folk was an influence which had made a deep impression on the thousands of tourists who had gathered from the four corners of the earth to see and hear a story which could teach nothing but good to the human soul.

I have not put in words what I felt. I have only tried to tell you a part of the wonder of it all. Human nature is so wonderful, it grows with our knowledge of it. When can we ever know the half that is to be known about it all

when we do not even know how things will effect even our own small souls!

We have still much to hold us in Munich, so much that we cannot bring ourselves to set a day for our departure, but, alas, it must come all too soon. We are all well. * *

Yours, etc.

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United Daughters of the Confederacy.

President—Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, Greenwood, Miss.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Annie Washington Rapley, St. Louis, Mo.

(UP-TO-DATE NOTES.)

THE Kentucky Division U. D. C. at its recent convention held in Bowling Green, Ky., discussed the question of salaried officers in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. L. E. Williams introduced the subject to the Convention. As a result of the discussion action was taken by the Kentucky Division putting it on record as opposed to any salaried officers in the General Organization.

FROM THE Gen. A. P. Stewart Chapter of Chattanooga, Tenn., through the courtesy of the President, Mrs. Henry A. Chambers, *The Keystone* received their Chapter Year Book for 1905. It is a most attractive little pamphlet of eighteen pages with the Constitution, roster of members, officers, committees, and an account of the year's work of the Chapter. The literary Calendar for 1905-06, also embraced in this booklet, shows Monthly Meetings, with literary exercises at each meeting; and the verses heading each month's program and the various portraits of Southern heroes embellishing its pages make a chapter record which is well worth filing. The binding is in Confederate gray, and the insignia of the U. D. C. on the cover and the red and white ribbon produce a Confederate effect which is most pleasing.

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Visiting Nurse Work in South Carolina.

The ninety-third annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C., was held in the St. John Hotel ball room on Wednesday, January 17, at noon.

The following is an outline of the superintendent's annual report:

This is the third year of our visiting trained nurse work. When we began this work we only had the visible means of carrying it on for a few months. From the interest and support given us each year we have been able to carry out our plans and the work has prospered and grown. The nurse has also attended a number of pay patients, which we greatly desire.

During the year we have helped 196 persons, and spent \$777.19. We have 17 new members; 2 have resigned. We have 161 members, 12 of whom are life members; 4 members whose names are kept on the books—in memoriam. We have lost 9 members by death.

Will you kindly rise while I mention the names of those whom we have lost by death: Mrs. DeCaraduc, Miss Simpson, Miss Margaret Robb, Miss Harriott Middleton, Mrs. C. H. Simonton, Mrs. G. W. Williams, Mrs. Hutson Lee, Mrs. Caspar Chisolm, Mrs. B. H. Rutledge.

The mother's basket contains garments of every description. The donations to it this year have been very useful.

I would call your attention to our connection and dependence on the Associated Charities. The work of the two societies is being more blended. Their effort is to get all charitable societies to co-operate with and work in and through their Society—as it were, to centralize the charity work of the city. They try to further all such work and to respond in some way to every appeal and investigate all doubtful cases. We are indebted to them for the use of a room, with commodious closets. We enjoy their warm, comfortable office. Calls for the Benevolent Society's nurse are often made here. The nurse reports here daily and confers with the secretary. The secretary tells of any case she has investigated needing attention. She assists us in distributing clothing and attends to many details which can only be done by some one on the spot and acquainted with our methods.

As early as 1814 we find this Society trying to aid indigent women to earn a subsistence.

Your superintendent has often seen her mother help such persons by giving them shirts to make for the plantation negroes—as there was pressing need for work of this kind.

We decided, with a small donation, to purchase material and give out sewing work. Mr. Gage, then connected with the Associated Charities, learning through Mrs. Rhett of our plan, gave to her for the purpose \$200. From this fund yearly the material is purchased by the Society and the garments cut out. The secretary of the Associated Charities then takes charge and gives out the sewing during the summer to such persons as are most needy. Their gratitude for this is touching—the needy are helped to help themselves. Finally many of the garments are bought by the Needlework Guild. Without this charity Association our work would be much more costly.

I recommend all those who can to subscribe or donate something to the Associated Charities, and through them promote the charity work of the city. Circles might consider this. We received donations from the following churches:

St. Michaels, the First and Second Presbyterian churches, the Huguenot, Beth Elohim Congregation, St. Luke's, St.

Mary's Roman Catholic, Grace Church Relief Society, St. John's Lutheran Church Society, Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society, Mr. Clifton Gray, pastor Unitarian Church, Needlework Guild, Happy Workers Circle, Golden Rule, Silver Cross Circle, Who is Your Neighbor Circle, Faithful Unto the End Circle, Fuel Society, City Mission Society of St. Philip's Church, Be Not Weary Circle, Ministering Circle, Mt. Pleasant; Citadel Square Baptist Church Society.

Also donations from individuals from 50c to \$50.

We extend our sincere thanks to them all and sincerely hope they will continue this much needed help.

We are indebted to Hurkamp & Co., Messrs. G. W. Aimar & Co., J. R. Read & Co., Louis Cohen & Co., D. W. Ohlandt & Sons for discount on purchases; to The News and Courier and Evening Post for many courtesies.

I am glad to say that we have as new subscribers several gentlemen. The subscription is from \$1 to \$5 annually. We employ no collector.

The Hopkins Fund for old free colored persons has an income of \$130, which is inadequate for the demands on it. From it 25 old, infirm negroes receive wood, also five pensioners are helped with \$2 per month.

The Nurses' Committee report showed that during the year the visiting nurse under the direction of this Society, had made 1,715 visits to 141 patients.

In closing I sincerely thank all the ladies of the board for their earnest support and kindness; also to Mrs. Sinkler and Mrs. Walker, who have so ably and pleasantly helped us.

Again let us prayerfully commit our work to the care of our Heavenly Father. Respectfully,

C. P. RAVENEL, Superintendent.

There were 13 pay patients who employed the nurse and there were 14 deaths among the Society's patients during the year. An assistant nurse had to be engaged several times during a pressure of sickness in the summer, thus showing the need of an additional nurse to continue the work as it becomes more known and appreciated.

One patient alone received over 150 visits from the nurse.

The nurses employed by the Society are Miss F. M. Bicaise and Anna Banks, and their work is most satisfactory to the Society.

The loan and supply closet report showed that this division of the Society's work had given or lent during the year: 419 articles of clothing or bedding for the sick, 342 packages of nourishment or medicine, 104 miscellaneous sick room comforts, such as ice bags, syringes, bed pans, mosquito nets, etc., 116 bandages, 80 pads, 23 pieces of soap, 3 baby baskets and their contents.

This closet is always in need of nourishment for the sick, and contributions of rice, grist and potatoes, besides lighter nourishment, are also accepted and will be received at the Associated Charities, No. 87 Broad street, any day between the hours of 10 and 1 o'clock.

The officers for 1906 are:

Superintendent—Miss C. P. Ravenel.

Junior Superintendent—Mrs. M. A. Rhett.

Secretary—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim.

Treasurer—Miss E. McP. Ravenel.

Board of Managers—Mrs. J. P. K. Bryan, Mrs. Zimmerman Davis, Mrs. E. F. Parker, Mrs. W. G. Jeffords, Miss S. A. Smyth, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. Arthur Mazyck, Mrs. John S. Riggs, Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Miss M. B. Mure, Mrs. B. F. Alston, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Mrs. L. L. Cohen, Mrs. Chas. Litschgi, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Mrs. H. Baer.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

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 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Harriet P. Lynch, Cheraw, S. C.
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 52 Chapters—1775 Members.

REQUESTS to Chapters from officers and Chairmen of Committees printed in this column are official and Chapter presidents are urged to comply with them as promptly as possible and thus facilitate the work of the Division.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
 President S. C. Division U. D. C.

DURING THE PAST MONTH the President of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. has been called upon to sign a large number of certificates of membership for the U. D. C. in South Carolina. The Chapters at Abbeville, Jonesville, Spartanburg and Clemson College are among those Chapters getting certificates this past month. This is a movement which is recommended to the attention of all Chapters in the State. Certificates of individual membership in the U. D. C. can be secured from the Recording Secretary of the U. D. C., Mrs. John P. Hickman, Nashville, Tenn., for ten cents, and each Daughter of the Confederacy should have such a certificate for her family records.

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT, Newberry, chairman; Mrs. P. H. Mell, Clemson College; Mrs. James McIntosh, Newberry, have been appointed as the History Committee for the South Carolina Division for 1906. Chapters are urged to report historical work and make all inquiries on historical subjects to the chairman of this committee. The program of study for 1906 for the Division is in process of preparation and will be mailed to each Chapter President by the middle of February.

THE MINUTES AND YEAR BOOK of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. will be issued in February. The reply postal cards sent out by the Corresponding Secretary have been returned very promptly. However, there are a few delinquent Chapters who have not sent in their roster of officers yet. These Chapters are urged to attend to this matter at once so as to be properly reported in the 1906 Year Book of the Division. Address Mrs. H. P. Lynch, Cor. Sec., Cheraw, S. C.

THE CHAPTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA generally celebrated the birthday of Genl. Lee with suitable ceremonies and the bestowal of the Crosses of Honor. Each Chapter in the State which bestowed Crosses of Honor on January 19th last is requested to send a postal card to the State President stating the number of Crosses of Honor bestowed on that date.

THE Blue Cockade," a story of the Confederacy, by Flora McDonald Williams, is a fascinating novel whose scene is laid in and around Richmond during the time of the war between the States. The dedication shows the spirit of the author: "A loving tribute to the knightly souls who fought and died in defence of a brave country, which though it has no existence on the map, and only lives now in the far-away land of memory, has left its impress forever on the proudest pages of the world's history." It is a story of love and romance with the incidents of war making, an interesting background. The author gives us real characters and carries us back to those troublous times, showing us how the women of the South spent their time while the men were at the front. The negroes are very true to life and their dialect specially good. The book is very appropriately bound in gray and ornamented with a blue cockade, which figures prominently in the story.

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VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This department is official and will be continued monthly. Address all communications for Virginia to Mrs. J. Pryor Jones, Petersburg, Va., Manager for Virginia Division U. D. C.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. W. R. McKenney, Petersburg, Va.
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 Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lillian Hixson, Manassas, Va.
 Treasurer—Mrs. James E. Alexander, Alexandria, Va.
 Historian—Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Richmond, Va.
 95 Chapters—4,210 Members.

THE minutes of the Virginia Division U. D. C. will soon be ready for distribution. Any Chapter having sent postage and not receiving their copies will kindly notify Mrs. Leiper M. Robinson, Recording Secretary, Bowling Green, Va., who will attend to the distribution.

Miss Elvira A. Jones, State Registrar, Roanoke, Va., can furnish application blanks and receipt blanks to all Chapters applying.

DEAR COMRADES:

As lineal descendants of Mother Eve, we as women are blessed with an undying interest in the affairs of each other. Some of us may not acknowledge the fact even to ourselves, but it is inherent in our nature, nevertheless, and as a few items of interest have come to me from some of the Chapters I turn them over to you, hoping that in some measure they may prove helpful as well as interesting. Petersburg Chapter has had an unusually active year. More than one hundred Crosses of Honor have been bestowed on the Veterans of the A. P. Hill Camp. As \$100 was needed to furnish the room in the Confederate Home in Richmond two rummage sales were held and a silver tea, the proceeds from which covered the amount needed. The Carnival of Mirth and Music given by local talent under the direction of Mr. Percy Linwood enabled the Chapter to start the New Year with a good bank account, notwithstanding the fact that the Chapter had been at unusual expense. General Lee's birthday was observed by a tea given at the home of Mrs. Robt. T. Meade. Many visitors and Sons of Veterans attended. The evening was enlivened by music and some excellent selections from Shakespeare, together with patriotic poems, given by Mr. Lyman of Mansfield's Company. Mrs. W. R. McKenney, President of the Division, and Mrs. Wm. Mahone, Honorary President, were invited to receive, but could only be present a short while, as the Richmond Chapter claimed the honor of their presence at a similar function. Crosses of Honor were bestowed on the veterans of the R. E. Lee Camp, Richmond. Mrs. Mahone, Mrs. McKenney and Mrs. Brock delivering them. The orator of the evening was R. E. Lee, Jr., a young man of magnificent physique and great eloquence who made an address that stirred the hearts of all present, arousing in the minds of the young a desire to emulate the deeds of their sires. For the sake of his renowned grandfather he was accorded a rousing welcome, but before the evening was over had won a place all his own in the hearts of his hearers. The Richmond Chapter is actively engaged in monumental work. Our beautiful capital being such a fitting spot to hold these memorials of the love of a country for its dead heroes. Many Chapters have made a grand record along this line, even the small Chapters have sometimes done more than their wealthier sisters. Bowling Green Chapter, which is one of the baby chapters of the Division, may well be called a Banner Chapter. The last payment will shortly be made on the County Monument erected to the Confederate dead, and in May they hope to have it unveiled with appropriate ceremonies—which will be quite an event in the annals of Caroline County.

AT a recent meeting of the Fitzhugh Lee Monument Association in Richmond the Treasurer reported that they had \$1500 in hand towards the monument. The response for free-will offerings to this cause is not as liberal as has been hoped for and the newspapers will be asked to allow boxes for collections for this monument fund to be placed in their offices throughout the State of Virginia. Mr. H. A. Atkins has kindly drawn up a charter for the Association. There is also a plan on foot to appeal to the children of the State for contributions.

THE DABNEY H. MAURY Chapter U. D. C. of Philadelphia, Pa., a member of the Virginia Division U. D. C. celebrated Lee's birthday by a reception at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. The occasion was the seventh annual meeting of the Chapter, and prior to the reception the annual business meeting of the Chapter had been held and the election of the following officers took place:

Honorary President, Mrs. James T. Halsey; President, Mrs. Charles L. Barrett; Vice-President, Mrs. Naudain Duer; Secretary, Mrs. D. D. Mason; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Curry, and Treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Allen.

One of the pleasing features of the business meeting was the presentation to Miss Gertrude A. Byers, the retiring secretary, of a handsome pearl pendant. Miss Byers has been secretary of the Chapter for six years.

The reception took place in the Pink Room of the hotel, which was beautifully decorated—one end of the room being draped with an old Confederate flag, the other with a Virginia State flag, both kindly sent by Mrs. N. V. Randolph of Richmond, Va. During the evening appropriate addresses were made by Rev. Horace E. Heyden, author of "Virginia Genealogy," Col. Frank Ward and Rev. Dr. Nelmer.

The Program for the Kirkwood Otey Chapter U. D. C., Lynchburg, Va., for 1906, is as follows: Subject, "Outline for the Study of the Events of 1863," arranged by Dr. B. W. Arnold. Officers of Chapter: President, Mrs. James A. Scott; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. N. D. Eller, Mrs. G. R. Lewis, Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, Mrs. A. T. Powell; Recording Secretary, Miss Hettie Bagley; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Catherine Horsley; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank West; Historian, Miss Agnes Horner; Register, Miss Katherine L. Clark; Chm. Cred. Committee, Mrs. R. D. Yancey. Number of Members, 170.

Program, November 7th, Hostess, Mrs. W. P. Gibbs; subjects: (a) Effect of Lincoln's Proclamation of Emancipation, made New Year's Day, 1863, in the North and the South, Miss Eliza Payne; (b) Effect of Emancipation upon Europe, Maj. John W. Daniel; (c) Battle of Chancellorsville, May 2-3rd, 1863, Mrs. C. M. Blackford; (d) The Accidental Killing of Jackson by his own men, Mrs. R. D. Apperson.

Symposium Leaders: Mrs. Arhtur Powell, Miss Elsie Fleet.

Dec. 5th: Hostess, Miss Nellie Martin; Gettysburg, Mr. Randolph Harrison; Symposium Leaders, Mrs. D. C. Jackson, Miss Alice Owen.

January 2nd: Hostess, Mrs. C. M. Blackford. (a) Grant's Campaign in April and May, 1863, against Johnston and Pemberton, in seeking to take Vicksburg, Mrs. G. R. Lewis. (b) Siege and Capture of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863, Mrs. Wm. R. Abbott. (c) The opening of the Mississippi, with capitulation of Port Hudson to Gen. Banks, July 9, 1863, Mrs. W. P. Gibbs. Symposium Leaders: Miss Adelaide Lewis, Miss Lizzie Adams.

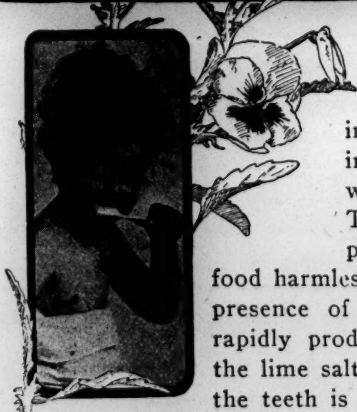
February 6th. Hostess, Mrs. Jas. A. Scott. (a) Rosecrans pursues Bragg, June 24 to July 7, 1863, Mrs. Nathan D. Eller. (b) Rosecrans defeated at Chickamauga, Sept. 19th and 20th, Miss Adelaide Lewis. (c) Battle of Lookout Mountain, Nov. 24, 1863, Miss Catherine Horsley. (d) Battle of Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863, Miss Maud Walker. Symposium Leaders: Mrs. Frank West, Miss Nellie Reed.

March 6th: Hostess, Mrs. D. C. Jackson. (a) Sherman's Raid on Meridian, Feb., 1864, and the effect of its annihilation, Mrs. Atala Jackson. (b) Grant put in command of all the Union forces and called to the East, Mrs. Robt. Clark. (c) Sherman made ready to move against J. E. Johnston, Mrs. N. P. Gatling. Symposium Leaders: Mrs. Spottswood Payne, Miss Ethel Rucker.

April 3rd, 8:30 p. m., Elks' Home: Financial and Business Conditions in the North, Dr. B. W. Arnold. Symposium Leaders: Miss Fred Harper, Miss Georgie Morgan.

May 1st: Hostess, Mrs. N. D. Eller. (a) The South's Resources at end of year 1863, Mrs. Jas. A. Scott. (b) The South's privations,

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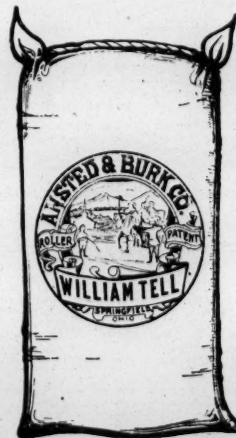
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Miss Lorna Miller. (c) Treatment of Prisoners, Mrs. R. M. Taliaferro. (d) Life in Richmond, Mrs. Kirkwood Otey. (e) Life in Lynchburg, Mrs. Stephen Adams. Symposium Leader: Mrs. C. M. Blackford.

June 5th: Hostess, Mrs. R. D. Apperson. (a) Admission of West Virginia; Northern View; Southern View, Mrs. W. B. Ryan. (b) The View of the people of West Virginia, Miss Eliza Easley. (c) Effect on Virginia, Mrs. E. O. Payne. Symposium Leaders: Mrs. Jas. A. Scott, Miss Florence Watkins.

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